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SYDNEY PLS PASS TO LT GOV DYMALLY

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SUBJ: LT GOV DYMALLY

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1. LT GOVERNOR AND MRS DYMALLY HAD BUSY, PRODUCTIVE VISIT TO PORT MORESBY, NOVEMBER 19-22. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ARRIVAL FROM MANILA AT 1440 THEY WERE TAKEN TO HOTEL AND BRIEFED BY CHARGE UNTIL 1700. AT 1830, THEY HAD DINNER WITH DEAN, UPNG FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND PAO WHO ESCORTED THEM TO UPNG, WHERE LT GOV LECTURED AT 2000 ON "ROLE OF BLACK AMERICANS IN US POLITICS." AUDIENCE RESPONSE WAS UNUSUALLY WARM AND ENTHUSIASTIC, WITH SEVERAL AUDIENCE MEMBERS REMARKING THAT THEY HAD NEVER HEARD SUCH LUCID, FRANK PRESENTATION OF SUBJECT. LT GOV SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT HE NOT BE GIVEN NORMAL HONORATIUM FOR LECTURE.

2. FOLLOWING MORNING, SATURDAY, NOV 20, PAO ESCORTED LT GOV DYMALLY TO PNG NATIONAL INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT
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AUTHORITY (NIDA), WHERE HE HAD EXTENSIVE TWO HOUR

BRIEFING ON PNG ECONOMY AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

3. FOLLOWING NIDA BRIEFING LT GOV HAD LUNCH WITH EXPATRIATE BUSINESS ELITE AT PAPUA CLUB, AND DISCUSSED POSSIBLE TRADE OPPORTUNITIES WITH THAT GROUP.

4. SATURDAY AFTERNOON, NOV 20, LT GOV DISCUSSED POSSIBLE STUDENT AND FACULTY EXCHANGES BETWEEN UPNG AND CALIFORNIA STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM WITH DR GABRIEL GRIS, VICE CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA. DR GRIS WAS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT POSSIBLE EXCHANGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIS STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERN PROGRAM WITH EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF CALIFORNIA STATE GOVERNMENT AND SACRAMENTO STATE COLLEGE. ALSO, SAID HE HOPED LT GOV COULD ARRANGE FOR AMERICAN DOCTORS TO WORK WITH UPNG MEDICAL SCHOOL.

5. LATER THAT SAME AFTERNOON, LOCAL PNG BUSINESSMAN CALLED ON LT GOV AT HOTEL TO DISCUSS TRADE OPPORTUNITIES, AND DYMALLY PROMISED TO EXPLORE SPECIFIC COMMERCIAL PROPOSAL MADE BY PAPUA NEW GUINEAN.

6. EVENING, NOV 20 - EMBASSY HOSTED FORMAL DINNER FOR LT GOV AND MRS DYMALLY AND 24 GUESTS, INCLUDING DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOUR DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARIES.

7. SUNDAY MORNING, NOV 21 - LT GOV AND MRS DYMALLY MET AGAIN WITH LOCAL BUSINESS ELITE AT MID-MORNING RECEPTION HOSTED BY PRESIDENT, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

8. THAT AFTERNOON THEY WERE ESCORTED BY US DESK OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE (DFAT), AND EMBOFF TO LOCAL PARK AND GAME RESERVE.

9. MONDAY, NOV 22 - LT GOV CALLED ON DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THEN HELD HOUR LONG PRESS CONFERENCE ATTENDED BY TEN LOCAL JOURNALISTS AND NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMMISSION REPORTER. WILL FORWARD POST-COURIER'S REPORT OF PRESS CONFERENCE IN NEXT AIR POUCH.
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10. LT GOV AND MRS DYMALLY DEPARTED PORT MORESBY FOR SYDNEY AT 1345, NOV 22.

11. COMMENT: POST OFFICERS HAVE AT PREVIOUS POSTS HAD EXPERIENCES WITH POLITICAL JUNKETEERS, BUT BASED ON LT GOV'S VISIT HERE, CANNOT UNDERSTAND HOW DYMALLY'S TRIP COULD BE CLASSIFIED THAT WAY BY US PRESS. EVEN THOUGH

HERE ONLY OVER WEEK-END, HE MET WITH VIRTUALLY ALL INSTITUTIONS
AND PEOPLE RELEVANT TO HIS STATED OBJECTIVES, AND TOOK SPECIFIC
STEPS TO IMPLEMENT ACADEMIC EXCHANGES BETWEEN UPNG
AND STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM IN CALIFORNIA. EVEN SHORT
SIGHTSEEING TRIP SUNDAY AFTERNOON WAS WITH RELEVANT
PNG OFFICIALS.
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